



POINT NEPEAN QUARANTINE STATION OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

On Sunday 6 December at the Community Open Day the former Quarantine Station/ Officer Cadet School at Point Nepean National Park was proclaimed part of the national park and declared open to the Victorian community by Gavin Jennings, Minister for Environment and Climate Change.

Due to quarantine and military training uses, the Quarantine Station has been mostly closed to the community for the past 150 years.

Since the handover from the Commonwealth Government in June this year, Parks Victoria has been delivering a range of works to ensure that the community can access and enjoy the park as soon as possible.

These works have included new park furniture, toilets and interpretation signage for visitors to learn about the significance of the Quarantine Station.

A park office has also been established in the Quarantine Station, which will give visitors a greater opportunity to interact with park staff.

Three tracks have opened linking the Quarantine Station to other sections of the park.

A new one kilometre walking track along Defence Road will enable visitors to walk from the Visitor Centre to the Quarantine Station.

The three kilometre Coles Track has been upgraded to create a shared walking and cycling path that winds through the Moonah trees just inland from Port Phillip Bay.

Also opened is the new 1.7 kilometre walking track linking London Bridge in the Mornington Peninsula National Park with Point Nepean. This new track is an extension of the long coastal walk from Cape Schanck.

The opening of the Quarantine Station gives the community a tremendous opportunity to now experience one of Victoria's truly unique landscapes and learn more about Victoria's heritage.